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Transmitted herewith for filing is the patent application of:

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For: WAFER CHUCKS ALLOWING CONTROLLED REDUCTION OF  
SUBSTRATE HEATING AND RAPID SUBSTRATE EXCHANGE

Enclosed are:

- ☒ 26 pages of specification, 12 pages of claims, an abstract and a Combined Declaration and Power of Attorney.
- ☒ 6 sheets of informal drawings.
- ☒ An assignment of the invention to Nikon Corporation, a Recordation Form Cover Sheet, and a check in the amount of \$40.00 for the recordal fee.
- ☒ A certified copy of each of Japanese patent applications nos. 11-373333, 11-373162, and 2000-004211.

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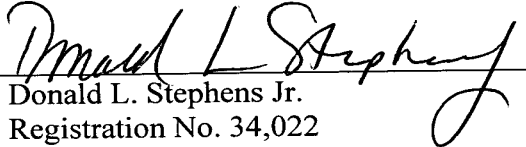
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- ☒ The Director is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required in connection with the filing of this application and recording any assignment filed herewith, or credit over-payment, to Account No. 02-4550. A copy of this sheet is enclosed.

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